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## *Memorandum*

TO: Operations Committee

DATE: September 4, 2009

FR: Deputy Executive Director, Policy

W.I.: 1231, 1232, 1235

RE: MTC SAFE FY 2009-10 Budget Amendment – Resolution No. 53, Revised

Staff recommends that this Committee refer the FY 2009-10 MTC SAFE revised budget (Attachment A) to the Authority for approval.

This memorandum summarizes proposed changes from the original FY 2009-10 budget approved in June 2009. All adjustments are detailed later in the memorandum, but the main changes that affect the SAFE reserve include a decrease from \$6,675,000 to \$6,000,000 for operating revenues for the Freeway Service Patrol program and an additional \$250,000 line item for call boxes for upcoming tunnel projects (Doyle Drive, Devil's Slide, Caldecott Bore 4). The net effect of the proposed budget revision is a decrease of approximately \$1 million in MTC SAFE reserves over the previously approved FY 2009-10 SAFE budget.

### **Budget Summary (in thousands)**

Opening Reserve Balance	\$14,144
FY 2009-10 Operating	
Revenue	\$14,770
Expenses	<\$15,767>
Transfers	<\$2,360>
Operating Deficit	<\$3,357>
FY 2009-10 Capital	
Revenue	\$8,435
Expenses	<\$9,184>
Capital Deficit	<\$749>
Reduction in Reserves	<\$4,106>
Ending Reserve Balance	\$10,038

## **FY 2009-10 Budget Revision Adjustments**

The following proposed changes to the SAFE FY 2009-10 budget will result in an estimated SAFE reserve of \$10 million at the close of FY 2009-10.

- **FSP Revenue.** The FSP program receives approximately 24 percent (\$6 million) of a statewide FSP budget that this year totaled \$25 million. The proportion allocated to each region is determined each year by a statewide formula based on freeway congestion levels. Caltrans initially reported that the Bay Area's share would increase to \$6.7 million for FY 2009-10. However further adjustments to statewide congestion calculations were made in July 2009, which resulted in a revised Bay Area revenue projection of approximately \$6 million.
- **TOS Transfer for Freeway Traffic Cameras.** Funding already included in the MTC budget for the freeway Traffic Operations System (TOS) in the amount of \$1,055,000 is being transferred to the Bay Area Traffic Upgrade (BAVU) in the MTC SAFE budget in order to meet funding deadlines. There are no cost implications due to this budget adjustment.
- **Site Access Project.** This is an existing project that will upgrade approximately 900 call box sites, and is included in the SAFE budget utilizing SAFE funds. Staff is proposing the use of federal funds instead for this project in order to preserve flexible SAFE funds. There are no additional cost implications for this budget adjustment.
- **Tunnel Project Call Boxes.** Caltrans has made a preliminary request that MTC SAFE procure call box electrical signs and mounts for the tunnel portion of the Doyle Drive project. If Caltrans proceeds with this arrangement, Caltrans would provide MTC SAFE with up to \$500,000 for the procurement of the necessary equipment. An additional \$250,000 is being included in this budget amendment to purchase call boxes for the Doyle Drive, Devil's Slide and Caldecott Bore 4 tunnel projects, subject to Caltrans reimbursement for actual costs.
- **FSP TMP Service.** This revision adds revenue that will be received from Caltrans to provide FSP tow service in highway construction areas. During this fiscal year, we anticipate providing FSP service to mitigate traffic construction impacts on Highway 12 in Solano County near the terminus of Highway 13. Although we are adding \$100,000 to the SAFE budget for this expense, there are no cost implications to the SAFE budget, as Caltrans funds FSP construction services.
- **Highway 24 Corridor Study.** Highway 24 corridor is part of the Freeway Performance Initiative second phase of corridor analyses. This study has been allocated \$250,000 in RM2 revenue. There are no cost implications to the SAFE budget for this adjustment.

## **Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Committee refer MTC SAFE Resolution No. 53 Revised, to the Authority for approval.

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